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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, § 1.98, and the "Decision on Petition" described herein, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the examiner's attention. 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Due to the large number of references being cited and the logistical problems associated therewith, Applicant successfully petitioned the Commissioner for relief from the IDS requirements under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), requiring copies of each U.S. patent application publication, each U.S. and foreign patent, and each publication.

The petition was granted for a set of related patent applications, including the present application, to effect the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The related patent applications are identified on the "List of Related Cases" attached hereto. The copy requirement was waived in favor of filing three separate paper copies of all cited references in a single "holding" application. The paper copies of the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been concurrently filed in the "holding" application," **Serial N . 09/386,834**, entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR A LEGACY WRAPPER IN A COMMUNICATION SERV-

ICES PATTERNS ENVIRONMENT," filed 8/31/1999, our client/matter number 60021-324601 (AND1P246). Accordingly, examiner's cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated. Specifically, should examiner require a paper copy of any of the cited references, applicant respectfully refers examiner to the aforementioned "holding" application, Serial No. 09/386,834.

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 may be material to examination of the above-identified application. Please do not construe the filing of this information disclosure statement as a representation that applicant has made a search (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), or as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists. We enclose copies of the cited documents within a box herewith.

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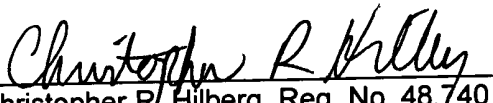


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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and signing a copy of Form PTO-1449, transmitted herewith, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 referencing order number 060021-327501.

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